Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man, and Doretta "Doree" Alexander exemplifies all those qualities through her 44 years of service as a registered nurse; and

Whereas, Doree served the Black Hills Workshop for 23 years as a nurse supervisor, an advocate for better health care for individuals with disabilities in the Rapid City area; and,

Whereas, Doree regularly accompanied people with disabilities to medical appointments and helped them find their voice in describing their health problems and assisting them to understand how they can help themselves to better health by following the medical professional's recommendations; and,

Whereas, Doree's tireless devotion to teaching staff and people with disabilities how to achieve better health and manage their health-related illnesses led her to develop a diabetic support group; and,

Whereas, Doree was instrumental in leading the Black Hills Workshop into the 21st Century by working with computer technology to put classes online and constantly updating the Medication Certification classes for employees and others; and,

Whereas, Doree has also served her community admirably through work with Community Services Connection of Rapid City, Diabetes, Inc., the Children's Home Society, Business and Professional Women, and First Congregational Church; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement on October 30, 2009, and to congratulate her as colleagues, family, and friends gather to honor her for the legacy she leaves—the treatment of people with disabilities with dignity and respect:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her co-workers, family, and friends in wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State 6